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Serial No. 10/005,522	Filing Date December 3, 2001	Examiner Dennis Ruhl	Group Art Unit 3761
Inventor(s) Paul T. Van Gompel et al.			
Title of Invention SANITARY NAPKIN WITH GARMENT ATTACHMENT PANELS			

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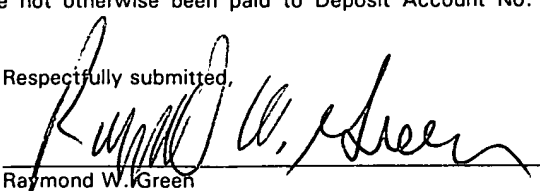
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In conjunction with the examination of this Application, the Examiner is requested to consider the following references:

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U.S. PATENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
5,092,860	03/1992 (effective U.S. filing date September 21, 1989)	Pignuel
5,346,486	09/1994 (effective U.S. filing date November 1, 1989)	Osborn
5,354,400	10/1994 (effective U.S. filing dates October 1, 1991, and November 1, 1989)	Lavash.
5,413,569	05/1995 (effective U.S. filing date November 15, 1993)	Yamamoto
5,478,336	12/1995 (effective U.S. filing date October 8, 1991)	Pignuel
5,921,975	07/1999 (effective U.S. filing date December 27, 1995)	Suzuki
6,013,062	01/2000 (effective U.S. filing date August 9, 1995)	Dilnik
6,231,554	05/2001 (effective U.S. filing date September 27, 1991)	Menard
6,387,084	05/2002 (effective U.S. filing date September 30, 1992)	Van Gompel

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
0,127,103 A2	12/1984	EPO (in German, with translation)
0,347,319 A1	12/1989	EPO (in French, with translation)
WO89/02729	04/1989	WIPO (in French, no translation, but see U.S. Patent 5,478,336)

OTHER DOCUMENT

Summons to Attend Oral Proceedings on June 16, 2003, in the Appeal on the Oppositions to European Patent No. 595,047, with preliminary assessment, mailed April 2, 2003, by EPO.



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REMARKS

On October 9, 2002, an IDS was mailed (with certificate of mailing) for this Application, together with an amendment, terminal disclaimer and request for extension of time. These papers appear (per post card and PAIR) to have reached the PTO Mail Room on October 15, 2002, and (per PAIR) to have been forwarded to the Examiner on May 16, 2003.

In the October 9, 2002, IDS, Applicants cited the following references as having no translation available:

EPA 0,127,103 A2	12/1984
EPA 0,314,535 A1	05/1989
EPA 0,347,319 A1	12/1989
EPA 0,360,680 A2	03/1990

Translations of EPA 0,127,103 A2 and EPA 0,347,319 A1 were later found, and were enclosed with a Supplemental IDS mailed (with certificate of mailing) on October 24, 2002. The Supplemental IDS mailed October 24, 2002, appears (per post card) to have reached the PTO Mail Room on October 30, 2002, but (per PAIR) NOT to have been yet forwarded to the Examiner. Further investigation reveals an inadvertently erroneous Serial No. (10/005,552 instead of 10/005,522) was applied to the Supplemental IDS mailed October 24, 2002. Accordingly, the references are re-cited.

EPA 0,127,103 also appears to correspond to German Application 3,319,421, of record (with translation).

In addition, although no translations *per se* of EPA 0,314,535 A1 and EPA 0,360,680 A2 are available, it appears that these Applications correspond to (a) U.S. Patent 5,478,336 and PCT Publication WO89/02729 and (b) U.S. Patent 5,092,860, respectively.

The papers previously supplied include copies of papers from two European Opposition proceedings. In the Opposition to the grant of European Patent 0,590,675 / 93 115,848.9, as previously advised, the Patent was maintained with modified claims by decision dated July 19, 2000. Two of the opponents appealed. An oral hearing in the Appeal has now been scheduled for June 16, 2003. A copy of the Summons to the Oral Hearing, with additional substantive comments, is among the documents now cited.

In the Summons to the Oral Hearing, the patentee and opponents were invited to file any additional pre-hearing written comments by May 16, 2003. Patentee did not do so, and it does not appear that the opponents did so.

In addition, several other references are now cited, for the Examiner's consideration.

Copies of the references now cited, and a Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner to initial to indicate review of the cited documents, are enclosed.

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